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Legislative Counsel

CIA Legislative Program for 1952.

1. Four major items are submitted as comprising the suggested CIA legislative program for the Second Session of the 82nd Congress which convenes on 8 January 1952. These items are:

- a. CIA appropriations for Fiscal Year 1953;
- b. securing of authority to make the retroactive payments arising out of the increase of the basic rates of compensation of Federal employees;
- c. securing of funds for the construction of a CIA building; and
- d. the passage of legislation giving increased administrative authorities to CIA.

2. The Comptroller and Legislative Counsel will coordinate such preliminary steps as are necessary prior to full dress Congressional presentation of the CIA budget for Fiscal Year 1953.

3. Increases in the basic rates of compensation for CIA employees have been granted effective 24 October 1951. However, the Comptroller General has ruled that retroactive payment of such increases for the period beginning with the first day of the first pay period after June 30, 1951 and ending October 23, 1951 can only be granted with legislative approval. The CIA Comptroller has informed me that the Bureau of the Budget is currently planning to introduce the necessary legislation for CIA employees, and those other Government employees similarly affected, in a supplemental appropriation bill shortly after Congress convenes. It is recommended that such legislation carry a provision which will place such retroactive payments under the tax laws in force at the time when the money was earned rather than under the increased rates of the new tax bill. The Comptroller and Legislative Counsel will follow this legislation closely.

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4. Steps will be taken to secure the funds necessary for the construction of a CIA building. A detailed plan for this purpose has recently been submitted to you in a memorandum from [] and the undersigned.

5. A careful study has been conducted relative to changes or additions which are needed in present CIA legal authority. Each of the Offices has been asked for comments or suggestions on this matter. As a result nine items are attached for consideration for inclusion in a CIA bill to be introduced in the coming Session of the Congress. These items are:

Tab A: Salaries of senior CIA officials;

Tab B: Amendment to the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 by (a) repeal of Sections 3 and 5, and (b) revision of Section 10(a)(2);

Tab C: Repeal of Section 9 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949;

X Tab D: Amendment to Section 6(d) of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949;

Tab E: Waiving of Customs restrictions for CIA material;

Tab F: Exemption from the Performance Rating Act of 1950;

Tab G: Indemnifying CIA employees in suits for copy-right infringement or defamation;

Tab H: Special immigration consideration for certain alien employees of CIA who have performed long periods of faithful service;

Tab I: Payment of expenses of travel and transportation for CIA employees to first post of duty within the United States.

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6. Tab A contains background information on salaries for senior officials of CIA for your consideration. Legislative Counsel is of the opinion that a raise in salary for the Director and Deputy Director is quite feasible and that statutory salaries for three additional Deputy Directors could probably be secured. For reasons set forth in paragraph 7, Tab A, this office does not recommend any attempt to secure action on CIA salaries below the positions of the Deputies.

In his comments on this phase of the program, Mr. [] states that he --

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"... would not propose legislation embodying dollar figures. For Agency prestige purposes, I would like to propose:

- a) That the Director be paid the same as a Cabinet Officer.
- b) That the Deputy Director be paid the same as an Under Secretary in the Service Departments."

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It is Mr. []'s further opinion that no other salary amendments should be proposed.

The Executive Pay Bill of 1949 establishes the rate of basic compensation of the head of each executive department at \$22,500 per annum; the rate of basic compensation of each Under Secretary of an executive department is \$17,500 per annum.

Congress, in comparable legislation, normally assigns a specific dollar value to the position, rather than relating it to another group of positions. This is true even in those cases (such as the Director for Mutual Security) where the salary is identical with that of a Cabinet member. Nevertheless, an attempt might well be made to draft this provision in the manner suggested by Mr. []

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7. The proposed revision of Section 10(a)(2) of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 is based on the fact that the Comptroller General has reserved decision as to whether the present section is adequate to allow CIA certain authorities which we consider necessary.

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By raising the question at this point, we will either secure a satisfactory interpretation from the Comptroller General or an adequate revision of the section.

25X1A 8. Mr. [] agrees with Dr. Chadwell's comments on Tab C.

25X1A 9. Mr. [] does not see any necessity for requesting the authorities in Tab D and believes it is a dangerous request to make. The doubts of the General Counsel's office on this point are expressed in Tab D. Nevertheless, the Assistant Deputy Director (Inspection and Security) has a problem in connection with the arming of guards, which is set forth in this Tab for your consideration.

25X1A 10. Mr. [] approves the requests in Tabs E and F.

25X1A 11. Legislative Counsel is of the opinion that if serious objections arise to the proposal set forth in Tab G (either in the Bureau of the Budget or the Congress) it should not be pressed at this time. Mr. [] sees "no harm (and no particular urgency either)" in the proposal. He suggests that the language cover violations "in the course of duty", and it is agreed that such language is preferable.

25X1A 12. Legislative Counsel is of the opinion that the items set forth in Tabs H and I will cause considerable opposition in that they will place CIA in a category apart from other Government agencies in respect to problems which do not differ substantially from problems which arise in other agencies of the Government. He therefore recommends that they not be included in the final program. Mr. [] also believes these proposals unwise, as the problem is not limited to CIA.

25X1A 13. It is proposed to make Weekly Progress Reports to the Deputy Director (Administration) on each of the above items.

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